	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
Notice of Allowability	09/751,989	LEVOSKY, MICHAEL P.	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *amendment filed 12/1/2005*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *3,6-11,25-28 and 33-35*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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        1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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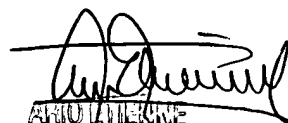
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

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        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This communication is in response to amendment filed 12/1/2005 where applicant

amended claims 6 and 25, and added new claims 30-34.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

3.   Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Attorney Mark White on February 15, 2006 (See attached Interview Summary for details).

The application has been amended as follows:

(see attached amendment sheet)

Allowable Subject Matter

4.   Claims 3,6-11,25-28,33-35 are allowed.

5.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims outline an invention not taught by the prior art wherein an email message

contains an alias email address of the sender (i.e. not the original email address of the sender).

The message transmitted from a client control program to an alias email server includes a subject

line prefix, user memo information; wherein the user memo information and user subject line

prefix are stored in the alias email server; and wherein the user subject line prefix is inserted into

the subject line of a reply message and the user memo information is inserted into a message

body of the reply message.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for

Allowance."

Conclusion

6.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's

disclosure.

Patent No. US006721785B1, Raghunandan teaches transmitting email to select recipients

defined by one or more aliases in identified lists of recipients.

Patent No. US006023700A, Owens et al teaches email senders and receivers choosing

from a variety of filter and forward options that allow them to manage their communications.

Patent No. US006389455B1, Fuisz teaches user accounts that automatically forward a

user's email to the user's pre-selected forwarding e-mail addresses.

http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://sneakemail.com, Sneakemail teaches generating alias

email addresses and by filtering incoming mail by using sneakemail filters.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Ramy M. Osman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4008.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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February 18, 2006

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a.) Introductory Comments

In response to the telephone communications from the Examiner during the week of February 13, 2006, the following amendment is submitted.

(a) In the Claims

1. and 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[25]] 35,
further comprising, after receiving a message from a
recipient addressed to the first alias email address:

(a) selecting by the user of the Reply function of an
email client program;

(b) inputting of a reply message by the user;

(c) transmitting of the user's reply message to the Alias
email server:

(d) stripping of the user's reply message of all
information which could identify the user's physical
email address by the Alias email server; and

(e) forwarding the stripped reply message to the
recipient.

4. and 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[3]] 35,
wherein the generating of the alias email address further
comprises substantially random character generating.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[6]] 35, further
comprising entering one or more additional physical email
addresses into the client control program, and receiving

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an additional alias email address corresponding to each additional physical email address.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising entering a request by the client control program for one or more additional alias addresses corresponding to each physical address, and receiving by the client control program an additional alias email address corresponding to each such request.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[8]] 35, further comprising entering a request by the client control program to suspend forwarding by the alias email server to the email client program of all email addressed to a particular alias email address.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[9]] 35, further comprising entering a request by the client control program to permanently discontinue receipt by the email client program of all email addressed to a particular alias email address.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[10]] 35, further comprising generating by the client control program of an alias email address containing a user name, and filtering the email at the Alias email Server.

12. through 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[34]] 35, further comprising transmitting by the user a message to two or more recipients using the same alias first email address and the same identification information.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[25]] 35, wherein the filter commands further comprise:

(a) rejecting all messages addressed to the first alias email address at the alias email server;

(b) suspending receipt of all messages addressed to the first alias email address by the alias email server; and

(c) restoring receipt of all messages addressed to the first alias email address at the alias email server .

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[26]] 35, further comprising:

(a) entering one or more additional alias email addresses and identification information associated with each such additional alias email address by the user;

(b) generating a log by the client control program, and displaying the log to the user, the log comprising, for each alias email address;

(i) the date of the generation of the alias email address;

(ii) the alias email address; and

(iii) the corresponding identification information.

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[27]] 35, whereby

(a) the email messages further comprise a subject and a body; and

(b) the identification information comprises a first identification message and a second identification message, and whereby the method further comprises :

(i) appending by the alias email server of the first identification message to the subject; and

(ii) appending by the alias email server of the second identification message to the body.

29. through 32 cancelled

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim 35 32, further comprising inserting the user subject line prefix into header fields of the email message wherein the header fields further comprise a FROM line, a CC line, and a BCC line.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[33]] 35, further comprising:

a) transmitting to the client control program by the alias email server of statistical information which further comprises:

1) the alias email address;

2)   a time and date of the creation of the alias email

address;

3)   a message number;

4)   the subject line prefix;

5)   the user memo information; and

6)   a number of messages received;

7)   a number of messages forwarded;

8)   a previous message received; and

b)   sorting of said statistical information by the client

control program by either

1)a date received;

2) a status, comprising suspension of message or resuming

of messages;

3) a number of total messages received from a particular

recipient; or

4) the date of the creation of the alias email address.

35. (New) In a computer data communications network, a

method for a user to control and organize email messages

further comprising a subject line and a message body, the

method comprising the steps of:

a) Configuring a system comprising:

        1) an email client program comprising a user email

        address, and residing on a user computer;

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2) a user email server which communicates with the

email client program over the data communications

network;

3) an alias email server which communicates with the

user email server over the data communications

network; and

4) a client control system residing on the user

computer which communicates with the alias email

server over the data communications network;

b) entering of the user email address, corresponding

identification information, and filter commands into the

client control system by the user;

c) transmitting the user email address, the filter commands,

and the corresponding identification information, from

the client control system to the alias email server;

d) storing the user email address, the filter commands, and

the corresponding identification information in the alias

email server;

e) automatically generating a first alias email address by

the alias email server, not generated from the user

address, and not generated from a recipient address, and

storing said first alias email address in the alias email

server;

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f) transmitting the first alias email address by the alias email server to the client control system;

g) transmitting a message comprising the first alias email address as a sender address by the alias email server to a recipient;

h) receiving by the alias email server of a reply message addressed to the first alias email address;

i) storing information regarding the reply message in the alias email server;

j) if the stored filter commands do not cause the alias email server to block the reply message, then forwarding by the alias email server of the reply message, together with the identification information, to the user address via the user email server;

k) sending a subject line prefix from the client control program to the alias email server;

l) sending user memo information from the client control program to the alias email server;

m) storing the user memo information and user subject line prefix in the alias email server;

n) inserting the user subject line prefix into the subject line of the reply message and inserting the user memo information into the message body of the reply message,

so that the recipient is unaware of the user email address, and the user is apprised of the first alias email address and the corresponding identification information of said reply message , and the user can easily associate the alias email address with the reply message and recipient.